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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY GENERAL BIGEARD AT FOREIGN LEGION CEREMONY

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1. ANNIVERSARY OF "CAMERONE" AT FOREIGN LEGION HEADQUARTERS AUBAGNE APRIL 30 MARKED BY ATTENDANCE OF SECSTATE MINDEFENSE GENERAL MARCEL BIGEARD WHO ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER TO OFFICIATE AT CEREMONIES.
 2. IN BRIEF, INFORMAL TALK BIGEARD LINKED CELEBRATION OF "CAMERONE 75" WITH LATEST NEWS FROM VIETNAM AND, AFTER UNDERLINING CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF LEGION WITH INDOCHINA, STATED THAT FINAL RESULT IN VIETNAM WAS INEVITABLE CONSIDERING DEDICATION, MOTIVATION AND TRAINING OF NORTH VIETNAMESE IN COMPARISON WITH SOFT, DISPARATE REGIME IN SOUTH VIETNAM SUPPORTED BY "CAPITALISM".
 3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION FOLLOWING HIS TALK, BIGEARD SAID IT WAS NOW TIME FOR WESTERN NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE US, TO RETHINK THEIR ROLE IN THE WORLD AND, WITH LUCK, COME AWAY FROM THE VIETNAM EXPERIENCE STRENGTHENED BY "REALITIES".
 4. COMMENT: BIGEARD'S APPEARANCE AT "CAMERONE 75" WAS EMOTIONAL EVENT RECALLING MEMORIES OF INDOCHINA AND ALGERIA FOR BOTH ACTIVE AND RETIRED LEGION OFFICERS AND MEN. BIGEARD'S PRESENCE
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BESIDE REGIONAL PREFET AND RANKING OFFICERS ALL SERVICES SEEN AS

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN LEGION'S CONTINUED ROLE AS ELITE
ARM IN FRENCH MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.
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